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SUBJECT: ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS-THE MOSLEMS WIN A ROUND

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1. GOI GENERALL ELECTION INSTITUTE JULY 2 ANNOUNCED APPROVAL OF CAMPAIGN SYMBOL (KABAH) PROPOSED BY MOSLEM PARTY PPP FOR USE IN 1977 ELECTION. PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT, IN RETURN FOR PERMISSION TO USE KABAH SYMBOL, GOI HAD "ASKED" PPP TO HELP ENSURE THAT NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING ELECTION PROCESS WHICH MIGHT DISTURB NATIONAL STABILITY AND TRANQUILITY (REFLECTING FEARS PREVIOUSLY VOICED BY KOPKAMTIB CHIEF SUDOMO THAT USE OF EXPLICITLY RELIGIOUS SYMBOL BY PPP COULD INCREASE SOCIAL TENSIONS), AND THAT PPP LEADERSHIP OFFERED TO SEND CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION TO REGIONAL BRANCHES TO THIS EFFECT.

2. PERMISSION FOR PPP TO USE KABAH SYMBOL CLEARLY CONSTITUTES CONCESSION BY GOI TO MOSLEMS, FOLLOWING STRONG PRESSURES ON PARTY TO CHANGE SYMBOL (REFTEL). MOSLEM AGREEMENT IN RETURN TO HELP PRESERVE ORDER IS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS FACE-SAVING "COUNTER-CONCESSION", WHICH WILL IN NO WAY OBSCURE PUBLIC RECOGNITION THAT MOSLEMS WON THIS ROUND.

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